IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Timothy R. Hansen et a.

SERIAL NO.:

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GROUP:

FILING DATE:

September 21, 2001

EXAMINER:

FOR:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANIPULATING MAGNETIC PARTICLES IN FLUID SAMPLES TO COLLECT DNA OR RNA FROM

A SAMPLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the present application as follows.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPO	NDENCE IS BEING
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-11.

Respectfully submitted,

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